

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Pedroso read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 4, 2016 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posting on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Matthew C. Moench
Howard Norgalis
Christine Henderson-Rose
Council Vice President Allen Kurdyla
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Deputy Township Attorney
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

Council President Pedroso led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for Approval

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the February 18, 2016, March 3, 2016 Agenda Session minutes and March 7, 2016 Regular and Closed Session minutes were moved for approval and passed on the following roll call vote:

Councilman Moench	Abstain
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rose

- Has been sorting issues related to the Lane Brokaw house. The grant application for additional money from the County has been delayed and

will be delayed for a little while longer. The representatives from Mills and Schnoering Architects, LLC who prepared the structure's report will make a presentation to Council at the next public meeting on 3/31/2016

Councilman Kurdyla

- Attended a meeting with the joint board of fire commissioners. Multiple topics were discussed including current dispatching which was reported to be going very well.

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report

Councilman Norgalis

- Attended the Somerset County Governing Officials meeting held at RWJ Somerset Hospital where the guest speaker was the Chief Administrator who spoke on the future of health care in the US.
- Attended the Somerset County Planning Board - Land Development Committee which discussed major projects including Eden Woods. County Engineer Matt Loper indicated that their study of "the East Main Street traffic light was one of their highest priorities".
- Mr. Naples has received a written status report from Grace Latrona, NJ Transit Regional Manager -Government and Community Relations, indicating that their Milltown Rd Train Station study should be completed with the next few months. But, they will need a Milltown Rd. traffic study to finalize the work and have asked Mr. Naples for a source of same
- I was asked by a local farmer to attend the Somerset County "National Agriculture Day" talk given by the NJ Secretary of Agriculture
- Rutgers is planning to install a "rain garden" at the Library at no cost to Bridgewater. They have already installed one by the Animal Shelter
- The NJ Municipality Magazine had an article on abandoned homes and suggests that all municipalities adopt the state model. An inventory of abandoned (not vacant) homes is considered important. Mr. Savo will follow up.
- Also attended the Somerset County Woman of the Year Ceremony

- Attended the Legislative Update meeting which is a nonpartisan group covering what is happening in Trenton. The Lieutenant Governor was one of the speakers
- The Mayor has received an invitation from Walter Lane of Somerset County Planning Board asking for participation in a task force to study upcoming NJ events. Councilman Norgalis has volunteered to serve on this committee.

Councilman Pedroso

- Attended a regional center partnership meeting on March 16. The key points that were brought out by our Mayor included:
 - Commented on the Center of Excellence
 - Advised the 13-acre site across from Wegmans is up for Planning Board review soon
 - Commented on Eden Woods noting we are waiting on Somerset County to approve the proposed light on East Main Street
 - The Stavola project is breaking ground next month
 - Linde Americas is moving to Bridgewater
- Attended the ELC meeting with Councilman Norgalis where Lieutenant Governor addressed the crowd.

Mayor's Report

Township Administrator

- Nothing new to report

Public Hearing & Final Action Ordinances

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

On motion of Councilman Moench, second my Councilman Norgalis, the meeting was opened to the public

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilman Moench, the meeting was closed for public comment.

Councilman Moench advised this ordinance provides the Council and Township flexibility in the budget should the need arise as it allows municipalities to increase the appropriations up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations. It is similar to others we have done in the past.

On motion of Councilman Moench, second my Councilman Norgalis, the

foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED.

A copy of resolution **#16-03-21-101** is appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilman Moench, the meeting was opened to the public

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilman Moench, the public comment portion was closed.

**Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances**

AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 153 ENTITLED "DEALERS OF PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND GOODS; LICENSING AND REGULATION"

On motion of Councilman Moench, second my Councilwoman Rose, the meeting was opened to the public

No one wished to speak.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second my Councilman Norgalis, the meeting was closed for public comment.

Township Administrator Naples advised he spoke to Chief Caravela who stated that with the exception of one (1) municipality, all the other municipalities in Somerset County will be adopting resolutions similar to this. The prosecutor's office is also in support of same.

Councilman Moench advised he will not support this Ordinance because while well intentioned, a system of reporting only works if it's done in all the States. He would only support when this is a State initiative.

Councilman Pedroso felt this initiative should be regulated by the State and will not be effective if done by municipalities. He felt it will push people from one town to another making enforceability questionable.

Councilman Kurdyla felt it will be beneficial to have a database or some type of system in place where the police department can have a network available to them to recover stolen property. While this system will not be perfect at launch with time, more municipalities and states will join in the initiative.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, second my Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Nay
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Nay

THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-102 is appended to the official minutes

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK 577 CONSISTING OF .967 ACRES ON THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TAX MAP AND LOCATED AT 1 VOGT DRIVE (THE ‘PROPERTY”) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:12-14

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Nay

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-103 is appended to the official minutes

Councilman Norgalis advised this property is located at the Somerset County Bridgewater Library site which is at Vogt drive and represents a 50 by 50 enclosure for the monopole.

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 4th day of April, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-29 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG WALTER STREET AND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF HARRY ROAD (WEST) 150’ FEET NORTH AND SOUTH OF WALTER STREET INTERSECTION

Councilman Norgalis stated this is to alleviate a school safety concern. Both mornings and afternoons, this area is a school pick-up spot. If parking continues to be permitted, this will prove hazardous as there are cars backing in and out of that intersection. The police department researched this and determined this to be the right course of action.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#16-03-21-104** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 4th day of April, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers at 100 Commons Way in said Township as the place for hearing and final action.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

Resolutions

Council President Pedroso read the following resolutions by title and called for a consent motion.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,541.75

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-106 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING A GRANT/LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,003.75 TO BRIAN C. ALSTON, RESIDING AT 2415 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, LOT 2415, BLOCK 164, BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CONDOMINIUM FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, CHAPTER 126-SECTION 321.4Q

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-107 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS (LISTED IN ATTACHED SCHEDULE) OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET IN THE MANNER OF A PUBLIC AND/OR INTERNET AUCTION.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-108 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PRINTING SERVICE SOMERSET COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2020

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #16-03-21-109 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415,729.33 PROVIDENT BANK LETTER OF CREDIT BOND NUMBER 8050002314 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$311,797.00 AND A CASH IN THE AMOUNT

OF \$103,932.33, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,898.49 PROVIDENT BANK 8050002350 FOR NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR, 11 FINDERNE AVENUE - BLOCK 252, LOT 2

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#16-03-21-110** is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the following resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Abstain
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#16-03-21-105** is appended to the official minutes

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President